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SUBJECT: FRENCH STRATEGY FOR USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

1. SEILLIE'RE (GALLEY'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR) INVITED EMBOFF TO LUNCH OCTOBER 3 TO DISCUSS GALLEY VISIT TO US. SEPTELS COVER OTHER SUBJECTS. SEILLIE'RE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE FRENCH HIGH COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (NEAREST FRENCH EQUIVALENT TO THE NSC, AND NORMALLY CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT) IS ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF FRANCE'S FUTURE DOCTRINE REGARDING TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. A DECISION SHOULD BE REACHED "IN SEVERAL WEEKS." ONCE FRANCE HAS ESTABLISHED ITS TACTICAL NUCLEAR POLICY, SEILLIE'RE THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF DISCUSSING WITH THE US THE PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION POSED BY THESE WEAPONS.

2. COMMENT: SEILLIE'RE'S REPORT THAT GOF IS GIVING HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO THE MATTER OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR STRATEGY UNDERLINES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REFERENCES TO FLEXIBLE NUCLEAR) RESPONSE BY SCHRICKE (PARIS 25458) AND POMPIDOU (PARIS 25599, PARIS 25963).
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